

**Table B-1. Undergraduate grade point average of science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998, by major field of degree: April 1999**

Major field of 1997-98 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Undergraduate GPA		
		3.25 or higher	2.75 to 3.24	Below 2.75
All science and engineering fields.....	743,400	383,900	280,700	77,800
Total science.....	628,800	331,200	233,000	63,600
Computer and information sciences.....	46,000	22,400	18,800	4,800
Life and related sciences, total.....	164,000	89,800	59,700	14,500
Agricultural and food sciences.....	15,700	6,000	7,000	2,700
Biological sciences.....	134,900	77,500	47,100	10,200
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	13,500	6,300	5,600	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	23,700	14,900	6,500	2,300
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,500	20,000	13,000	3,500
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	11,500	6,600	2,000
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	8,700	3,900	3,800	900
Physics and astronomy.....	7,200	4,400	2,300	500
Other physical sciences.....	600	S	S	S
Psychology.....	146,700	81,700	52,500	12,300
Social and related sciences, total.....	211,800	102,500	82,400	26,300
Economics.....	32,700	14,700	13,200	4,600
Political science and related sciences.....	71,700	37,800	25,100	8,700
Sociology and anthropology.....	69,500	29,800	31,000	8,500
Other social sciences.....	37,900	20,100	13,100	4,500
Total engineering.....	114,600	52,700	47,700	14,200
Aerospace and related engineering.....	2,400	1,100	900	400
Chemical engineering.....	12,400	7,200	4,400	800
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,200	8,300	9,200	2,800
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	34,200	17,100	13,300	3,800
Industrial engineering.....	6,000	1,900	3,000	1,200
Mechanical engineering.....	26,300	11,600	11,600	3,200
Other engineering.....	13,200	5,700	5,400	2,100

**KEY:** GPA=Grade point average.

S=Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding and because a small number of graduates reported that their undergraduate courses were ungraded are excluded.

These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999